

# WEST JORDAN GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! As we start to say goodbye to 2021 and prepare for 2022, this time of year always has me feeling a bit nostalgic. Do you have a family tradition that you stick to around the holidays?

Maybe it's getting together to go sledding at a local park, shopping at local businesses, or making cookies for Santa. For my family, it's getting together Christmas Eve to exchange gifts. As my children have gotten older and have started to have their own children, it can make it more exciting to get everyone together. Our tradition makes it possible to spend time with one another before they go on to spend Christmas morning at their own homes.



As West Jordan residents, we are very good at providing service for our community. However, the holidays are a fantastic time to show our family, friends, and neighbors some extra kindness. Whether that is through a gift or a favor, it's the time of year to show you care. For decades, West Jordan residents have given back in big ways during the holidays. In 1991, religious leaders from several different backgrounds and churches started holding an interfaith event to assist the homeless. Our own West Jordan Middle School hosted the event and continues to be a meeting place for cooperative efforts that give back to our community.

I'm so honored to serve you and I'm proud to call myself a West Jordan resident. Big plans are ahead for our great city, and I look forward to working with you in 2022.

Warmest wishes to you and yours,

Mayor Dirk Burton

## Schorr Gallery – Featured Artist, Troy Hunter

Troy Hunter is a photographic artist with a unique specialty.

"I have what is called 'essential tremors,' Hunter explained. "Some call it a disability; I have to disagree because it results in such beauty."

What he once considered a hinderance, he now embraces in his art.

"I used to delete photos that I thought were too blurry," Hunter said. "A simple photo of nighttime lights helped me think and see things differently. I decided to use the condition to my benefit, by framing a scene in my viewfinder and allowing my shaking to proceed naturally."

Hunter doesn't sign his name on his pieces because doing so would suggest there is a top, bottom, left, or right side of the photograph.

"I truly love what I do, and firmly believe this work to be of great value, as it showcases beautiful art created through a condition once viewed as a hardship, now consciously turned into a beneficial tool and a gift," Hunter said. "It is my dream and passion to share this gift with the world."

You can view Hunter's art in the Schorr Gallery at West Jordan City Hall through December 2022.



## West Jordan's New Look Online

The City of West Jordan is consistently looking for new ways to communicate with its residents. This year, the city launched its new website. It comes with many modernized improvements including an upgraded search system, easy-to-use community calendar, and mobile-friendly design.

Marie Magers works in the city's public relations department; she says this upgrade has been a long time coming.

"We are so excited to offer our resident an easier way to find the information they are looking for," said Magers. "Not only that, but our new site is accessible for people of all abilities."

The new site comes with an "Accessibility Adjustment" option allowing users to switch to a 'Seizure Safe Profile', 'ADHD Friendly Profile', and more. This option also allows users to adjust the font size and adjust text colors.

"We wanted to ensure that anyone could access our site," said Magers. "These features are necessary to keep all of our residents, no matter their age or native language, to stay informed on what is going on in the city."

Visit [westjordan.utah.gov](http://westjordan.utah.gov) to check out the new features. If you have any suggestions email [info@westjordan.utah.gov](mailto:info@westjordan.utah.gov)



## What to Know for When it Starts to Snow

We've all been there before, you wake up in the morning to prepare for another day of work, you look outside, and BAM Mother Nature brought a huge snowstorm. Your driveway is covered in snow, your mailbox is covered in snow and your car, which is parked on the street, is also covered in snow. The first thing you probably want to do is climb back in bed, but before you do that... do your neighbors and city a solid: move your car off the road.

Here's why: West Jordan City ordinance 7-3-10 prohibits parking a car, or semitrailer, on the street when it is snowing, or snow is already on the street. The ordinance is in effect from November 1st through April 30th of the following year. If you are parked on the street during the storm you could face a violation and pay a ticket. But aside from just potentially paying up, you may be the reason your street isn't getting plowed. While some streets CAN still be plowed with cars



parked along the side, many plow drivers will wait until the street is clear to avoid damaging any cars as well as their own equipment.

There are more than 800 lane miles of streets in the city of West Jordan. The city's plow drivers get to those streets by priority.

### CITY STREET PRIORITY CATEGORIES:

**Priority One:** Arterial and major collector streets.

**Priority Two:** Generally, subdivision collector streets.

**Priority Three:** All other residential through streets, (excluding cul-de-sacs).

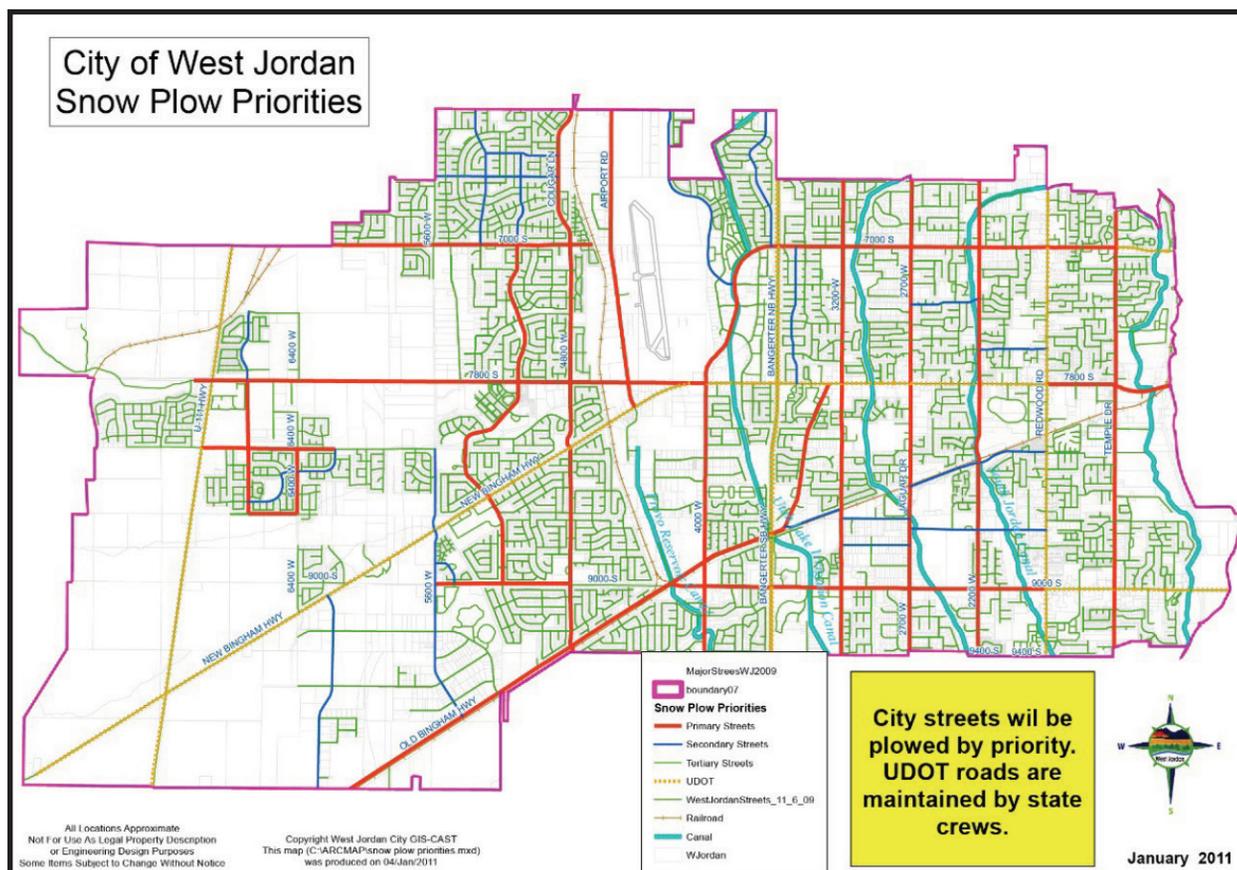
**Priority Four:** Cul-de-sacs and other dead-end streets. The city incurs proportionally more time and

costs clearing snow from cul-de-sacs than on typical "uninterrupted" stretches of streets. Because of the high cost-to-benefit ratio, and lower traffic volume, cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets have the lowest priority, and will be the last areas plowed.

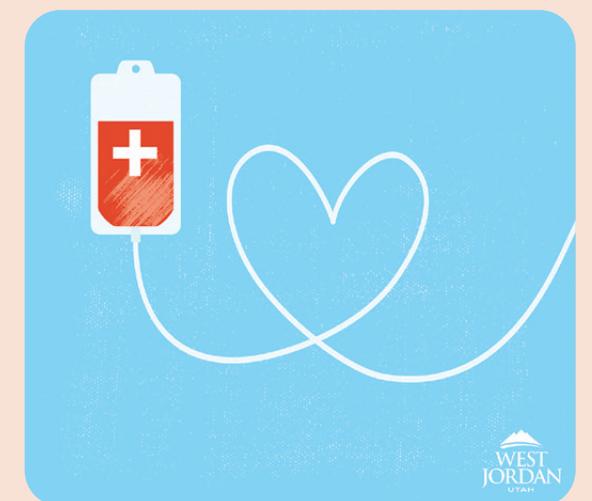
Something else to keep in mind; not all roads are the city's responsibility. Some roads belong to the state which are maintained by the Utah Department of Transportation, including:

- Redwood Road
- Bangerter Highway
- 7000 South from the Jordan River to Redwood Road
- 9000 South from the Jordan River to 5600 West
- U-111 from New Bingham Highway to the Northern City border
- Mountain View Corridor
- New Bingham Highway from 7800 South to west of U-111

Another important thing to note; police won't be able to ticket ALL cars parked on the street. If it's a snowy commute they are likely responding to crashes or helping drivers who get stuck in the snow. It's best not to bombard dispatch with a list of your neighbors' license plate numbers, when they're already receiving calls about potential crashes with injuries. Think two steps ahead: check the local weather, so you can move your car off the road if it's likely going to snow.



## Don't Forget to Give Back by Giving Blood



The City of West Jordan is holding its blood drive Monday, December 6th at City Hall (8000 S. Redwood Road) from 12 PM to 6 PM. Appointments are required, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make yours today.



## Christmas not Changing Garbage Day



**HEADS UP** - Christmas will NOT impact anyone's garbage day. Since the holiday falls on a Saturday this year, your garbage schedule will not be affected.

**Christmas NOT impacting garbage day this year**

## City of West Jordan Offering Curbside Christmas Tree Pick-up

Every year, the City of West Jordan offers its residents the option to pick up and dispose of their real Christmas trees. This year it is no different. Starting December 25th through January 21st, residents can place their Christmas trees curbside on their trash collection day. Residents may also opt to drop off their tree at a designated drop-off location.

### The three drop-off locations include:

- The parking lot at the County Pool/Gene Fulmer Rec Center located at 8125 S. 2200 W.
- The parking lot of Constitution Park located at the southeast corner of 3285 W. 7000 S.
- The south parking lot at the West Jordan Soccer Complex located on the west side of 4000 W. at about 8070 S.

Trees will be delivered to the Trans-Jordan Landfill to be composted. Please do not bag your trees, be sure that all your ornaments, tinsel, and other décor are removed. If your tree has been flocked (given a treatment to make it look like snow is on the branches) it will not be collected. This program is only for real trees, artificial trees will not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding this program, call: 801-569-5700.

## Christmas Tree Pick-up

Dec. 25 - Jan. 21

Questions:  
801-569-5700



## COUNCIL CORNER

With 2021 nearing its conclusion, the City Council would like to thank you for the many hours of service you have devoted to our community this year.

Regardless of whether you served within a specified organization, volunteered at city events, submitted city service requests, or provided a warm welcome to new neighbors, your efforts didn't go unnoticed.

"I am always impressed by the many acts of kindness I see from my fellow residents on a daily basis," said Council Member Chad Lamb. "Service makes our community stronger and friendlier."

The City Council is also excited to announce the onboarding of a new staff member. Cassidy Hansen is our new Public Liaison and Policy Analyst. Some of her responsibilities include responding to your public comments and posting information relevant to community issues on the Council's social media. Cassidy has asked us to remind you that you can

follow us on both Twitter @WJCityCouncil and our Facebook page titled "West Jordan City Council."

After following us on social media, don't forget to take some time this holiday season to make memories with your loved ones.

Council Member Melissa Worthen said, "This time of year, we tend to reflect on what has happened over the months and although we have dealt with a lot of challenges, we have also received many gifts. I hope you choose to focus on the gifts and kindness shared with you throughout the year and passed along to others. Only through an open mind and heart can we learn and grow and have a better future for all."

The City Council wishes everyone a happy holiday season and hopes you will find several quiet moments to enjoy the presence of your friends, family, and neighbors during this special time of year.

## Holiday Hotline – Hear a New Message from Santa Dec. 1 -25

It's not every day you get to team up with the North Pole! This year, West Jordan is working with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the workshop elves to bring you new messages for 25 days.

### How do I participate?

Call 801-256-2057 to hear a new message from the North Pole everyday December 1st through 25th.

### How'd you get ahold of Santa?

Believe it or not HE asked us! Apparently, the girls and boys of West Jordan have been SO good this year he wanted to send a special message to them throughout the month.

Questions about the service? Email our events department: [events@westjordan.utah.gov](mailto:events@westjordan.utah.gov).

## Holiday for the Animals – Support the West Jordan Animal Shelter

Help us save the animals by donating to the West Jordan Animal Shelter on Saturday, December 11 between 10 AM – 2PM. Drop off donations at the West Jordan Animal Shelter 5982 New Bingham Highway. Contactless donations are also available online: [bit.ly/wjanimalshelter](https://bit.ly/wjanimalshelter).

Donations needed include adult cat and dog food, cat furniture, kitten food, scratching posts, puppy food, treats, toys and bones, cat litter, and dog and cat beds.

If you have questions, call the West Jordan Animal Shelter 801-282-3951.

*West Jordan's*  
*Holiday for the Animals*

**Saturday, December 11**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DECEMBER  
**1-25**

### WEST JORDAN'S HOLIDAY HOTLINE

Hear a new message  
from Santa every day  
801-256-2057

DECEMBER  
**1**

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

West Jordan City Hall  
& online: [bit.ly/WestJordan](http://bit.ly/WestJordan)  
7 p.m.

DECEMBER  
**2**

### SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Find more information on  
[westjordan.utah.gov](http://westjordan.utah.gov)

DECEMBER  
**6**

### BLOOD DRIVE

West Jordan City Hall  
12 - 6 p.m.

DECEMBER  
**7**

### PLANNING COMMISSION

West Jordan City Hall  
& online: [bit.ly/WestJordan](http://bit.ly/WestJordan)  
6 p.m.

DECEMBER  
**11**

### HOLIDAY FOR THE ANIMALS

Find more information on  
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DECEMBER  
**15**

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

West Jordan City Hall  
& online: [bit.ly/WestJordan](http://bit.ly/WestJordan)  
7 p.m.

DECEMBER  
**21**

### PLANNING COMMISSION

West Jordan City Hall  
& online: [bit.ly/WestJordan](http://bit.ly/WestJordan)  
6 p.m.

DECEMBER  
**23-24**

### CITY HALL CLOSED

DECEMBER  
**25**

### CHRISTMAS

## When it Snow: Check Fire Hydrants

### WINTER FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE FROM THE WEST JORDAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

This small act is critical and could save lives. When it snows, you are used to shoveling the snow off your driveway, sidewalks, and around your mailbox. This year don't forget about the fire hydrant that may be in front of your home. If there is a hydrant near your property be aware of the things you can do to ensure firefighters can access the hydrant when needed.

- Shovel or snow blow at least 3-feet of space around the hydrant.
- Maintain an open space between the street and the front of the hydrant.
- These clearing should go all the way to the ground, when possible, but not less than one foot below the hydrant caps.



It's a simple and quick act that can save many lives in the case of a fire.

#### HOLIDAY RECYCLING TIP

Plain wrapping  
paper is  
recyclable!

Download our recycle guide at  
[www.acedisposal.com](http://www.acedisposal.com)



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8040 S. Redwood Rd.  
West Jordan, Utah 84088  
801-256-2000  
801-840-4000 Dispatch

**DEC 1** **DEC 26**

**CITY VS CITY - WHO WILL WIN?**

[bit.ly/lightstourut](http://bit.ly/lightstourut)